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International Application No.

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

pages 1-17 received by this Authority on _____ as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the claims:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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the drawings:

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 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 the sequence listing (specify): _____
 any table(s) related to the sequence listing (specify): _____

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____
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* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

Box No. II Priority

1. This report has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the failure to furnish within the prescribed time limit the requested:

copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 66.7(a)).

translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 66.7(b)).

2. This report has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rule 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this report, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

Since the priority document only discloses a game console and system described in page 1, line 1- page 7; line 10, page 9, line 15- page 14, line 3 and claims 1-10 of the international application without any disclosure of the game console described in page 7, line 12- page 9, line 12; page 14, line 5- page 17, line 16 or claims 11-16; it follows that claims 11-16 of the application, which are directed to such a game console, are not entitled to the claimed priority dates, but only to the filing date, i.e. 12 June 2003.

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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-16

YES

NO

Claims

Inventive step (IS)

Claims 1-16

YES

NO

Claims

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims 1-16

YES

NO

Claims

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US, 5212368, A

D2: WO, 02/054643, A1

D3: WO, 01/48580, A2

D4: US, 2001/0018358, A1

D5: EP, 1197251, A2

D6: FR, 2814964, A1

D7: US, 2002/0014742, A1

Document D2 was published on 11 July 2002, which is after the priority date (9 July 2002) of the present application. However, family member FI20002900, assumed to disclose the same subject matter as D2, was published on 30 June 2002. The documents D3-D7 were not cited in the international search report.

Document D3, which is considered the most relevant prior art, discloses a computerized trading card system wherein an electronic trading/playing card is read by a card reader (26). The trading cards may be used for regular trading, but also for playing games against other card holders. Further, the trading/playing card may be updated following the result of a game by writing to the card.

The subject-matter of claims 1-16 differs from what is disclosed in D3 in that the game console is configured for generating a game result based on data items received from the electronic game card and another game console. The trading card of document D3 may be updated following the result, but the result is sent to the reader from a server and not

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Supplemental Box

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generated by a processor in the reader.

Thus, the cited documents merely represent the general state of the art.

The invention defined in claims 1-16 is not disclosed by any of these documents.

The cited prior art does not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed game console, the electronic game card, or the electronic game card system.

Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Accordingly, the invention defined in claims 1-16 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention is industrially applicable.

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PATENT CLAIMS

1. A game console (1) in an electronic card game system (41) comprising a power supply (3), a display (5), a processor (7), memory means (9), electronic game card reading means (11), electronic game card writing means (13), electronic game card receiving means (15), and communication means (17) for communicating with at least one other game console, the processor (7) being
 - 10 configured for
 - reading a first data item from an electronic game card (19, 31) at least partially inserted in the electronic game card receiving means (15), using the electronic game card reading means (11), the electronic game card (19, 31) comprising a memory (33) comprising changeable data, the changeable data comprising at least one game related attribute (35) and at least one value (37) associated thereto;
 - receiving a second data item from a second game console 20 X using the communication means (17), the data comprising at least one game related attribute (35) and at least one value associated (37) thereto;
 - generating a game result based on the first data item 25 X and the second data item in respect of the at least one game related attribute (35) and the at least one value (37) associated thereto;
 - writing at least one first new value related to the at least one game related attribute (35) to the memory (33) of the electronic game card (19, 31), using the 30 electronic game card writing means (13);
 - transmitting at least one second new value data in relation to the at least one other game console using the communication means (17);

-displaying, on the display (5), at least one of: the first data item, the second data item, the at least one first new value related to the at least one game related attribute (35) of the electronic game card (19, 31), at 5 least one second new value related to the at least one game related attribute (35) related to the second game console, and a game result.

2. A game console according to claim 1, wherein the power 10 supply (3) is one of a battery and a mains power supply.

3. A game console according to claim 1, wherein the game result is also based on a random function.

15 4. A game console according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the at least one first new value and at least one second new value data is decreased.

5. A game console according to claim 1, wherein the 20 communication means (17) is arranged for at least one of wireless communication and wired communication.

6. A game console according to claim 1, further comprising game control means (23) for allowing a player 25 to select among a plurality of game related attributes (35) and initiate a game.

7. A game console according to claim 1, further arranged to be one of handheld and stationary.

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8. In an electronic game card game system, comprising at least a first game console (1) and a second game console, the first game console (1) comprising a power supply (3),

a display (5), a processor (7), memory means (9), electronic game card receiving means (15), electronic game card reading means (11), electronic game card writing means (13), and communication means (17) for
5 communicating with at least one other game console;
-an electronic game card (19, 31) able to be at least partially inserted into the electronic game card receiving (15) means of the first game console (1), the electronic game card (19, 31) comprising a memory (33)
10 comprising changeable data, the changeable data comprising at least one game related attribute (35) and at least one value (37) associated thereto; the electronic game card (19, 21), when inserted into the electronic game card receiving means (15), being
15 configured for
--allowing reading of the at least one value (37) related to the at least one game related attribute (35), using the electronic game card reading means (11);
--receiving at least one new value related to the at
20 least one game related attribute (35), using the electronic game card writing means (13).
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9. An electronic game card according to claim 8, further configured for receiving a new value from an electronic card refilling device.

10. An electronic game card game system, comprising at least two game consoles (1) according to claim 1 and electronic game cards (19, 31) according to claim 8.

11. A game console (1) in an electronic card game system (41) comprising a power supply (3), a display (5), a processor (7), memory means (9), electronic game card reading means (11), electronic game card writing means (13), electronic game card receiving means (15), and communication means (17) for communicating with at least one other game console, the processor (7) being configured for

-allowing selection of a game based on time and distance between the game console (1) and at least one other game console; the game including at least two user roles, one user role intended to seek the other ones;

-receiving an indication of the role of the at least two roles the user will play in the game;

-reading a first data item from an electronic game card (19, 31) at least partially inserted in the electronic game card receiving means (15), using the electronic game card reading means (11), the electronic game card (19, 31) comprising a memory (33) comprising changeable data, the changeable data comprising at least one game related attribute (35) and at least one value (37) associated thereto;

-generating a game result based on whether a distance between the game console (1) and the at least one other game console lies within a communication distance of the communication means has occurred after a predetermined point in time;

-writing at least one first new value based on the game result and related to the at least one game related attribute (35) to the memory (33) of the electronic game card (19, 31), using the electronic game card writing means (13);

12. A game console (1) according to claim 11, wherein the processor is further configured for transmitting at least one second new value data to the at least one other game console using the communication means (17).

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13. A game console (1) according to claim 11, wherein the power supply (3) is one of a battery and a mains power supply.

10 14. A game console (1) according to claim 11, wherein the communication means (17) is arranged for at least one of wireless communication and wired communication.

15 15. A game console (1) according to claim 11, further comprising game control means (23) for allowing a player to select among a plurality of game related attributes (35) and initiate a game.

16. A game console (1) according to claim 11, further
20 arranged to be one of handheld and stationary.